PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alcohol-related issues, including underage drinking, binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, impaired driving, and alcoholism, can pose a significant challenge to Iowa communities and have the capacity to negatively affect the lives of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, one in every 12 adults in Iowa suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

WHEREAS, combating underage alcohol consumption by implementing programs that work to eliminate risk factors and strengthen protective measures which allow youth to make educated decisions towards choosing alcohol-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, communities and organizations across Iowa are joining together to declare their support for healthy lifestyles free of alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, observing Alcohol Awareness Month provides all Iowa citizens an opportunity to increase their awareness of the negative impacts of alcohol abuse and to demonstrate their commitment to the Healthiest State Initiative to improve the health and happiness of Iowans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014 as

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS ____ DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:	
MATT SCHULTZ	
SECRETARY OF STATE	